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- ☒ Information Disclosure Statement Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b) ("IDS") (2 pages);
- ☒ Form PTO 1449 (2 pages); and
- ☒ Copy of one (1) reference and one (1) English-language translation (10 pages).

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached Form PTO 1449. This Information Disclosure Statement ("IDS") is being filed, to the undersigned's knowledge, before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits for the above-referenced application.

Copies of the listed documents were previously submitted, considered, and/or cited by the Examiner in a prior application, U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/534,875 ("the '875 application"), filed March 24, 2000 (now U.S. Patent No. 6,656,300), upon which Applicants rely for the benefits provided under 35 U.S.C. § 120.

With this IDS, Applicants submit copies of both the Italian-language original and an English-language translation of Italian Patent Document No. 469,844. A "partial oral translation . . . by a PTO translator" of this Italian-language document was previously cited by the Examiner in the '875 application.

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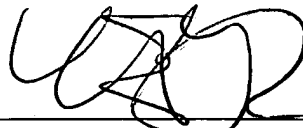
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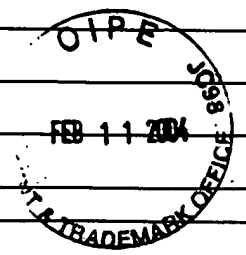
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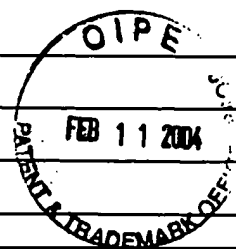
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